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ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

AUDITORS, SELECTMEN,

AND

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF HOOKSETT,

For the Year ending March 1, 1867.

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AUDITORS' REPORT.

Expenditures from March, 1866, to March, 1867.

Paid State Tax, 1866,	$3,090 00
County Tax, 1866,	1,259 65
School District No 1,	124 87
" " " 2,	
" " " 3,	74 90
" " " 4,	84 93
" " " 5,	74 79
" " " 6,	67 86
" " " 7,	184 30
" " " 8,	26 47
" " " 9,	68 62
Selectmen's bills for 1865,	164 15
	$5,220 54

ABATEMENT OF TAX OF 1865.

Simeon S. Marden, on money in bank,	$4 40
Nathaniel Mitchell, on land,	46 27
Isaac Martin,	4 08
Alexander McMurphy,	4 21
Dr. Conner, on land,	2 85
Simonds & Shirley, on land,	7 87
	$69 68

ABATEMENT OF TAX OF 1866.

Simeon S. Marden, on money in bank,	$4 40
Mary A. Remington, "	8 27
Luther Colby, on land,	10 35
Eliza A. Prescott, house and land,	21 25
Dr. Conner, on land,	2 07
Eugene Hutchinson, on land,	8 58
Phebe Worthley, "	4 80
Enos C. Howlett, "	1 45
Foster & Whittle, "	8 28
John Dodge, "	16 57

Hooksett Manufacturing Company,.....	397 20
Stephen Ballard,.....	6 21
Jesse Smith,.....	8 28
Stephen C. Merrill, on land,.....	1 04
Goss & Farmer,.....	20 70
Joseph T. Goss, on land,.....	35 25
Parker, Simonds & Shirley, on land,.....	6 21
Stephen C. Eastman, "	2 85
Natt & W. F. Head,.....	25 00
Martin L. Otterson, on tax list for 1864,.....	147 19
	735 65

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Jos. T. Goss, kerosene, chimneys and lamps, for bridge,	$10 90
H. J. Hayes, for insurance on bridge,.....	41 00
Chas. Bunton, damage for highway,.....	10 00
Enoch Johnson, labor on highway.....	10 75
Dana Rowe, " "	26 50
Sumner Ordway, " "	13 70
James Morrill, " "	28 00
Savory T. Burbank, " "	198 94
Joseph T. Goss, " "	6 00
Thomas Currier, " "	38 25
Samuel Brown, " "	13 27
John Piper, " "	31 80
Nathan Cate, " "	3 00
James Morrill, " "	15 00
Joseph T. Goss, posts for fence on highway,.....	12 00
Natt Mitchell, labor on highway,.....	3 00
J. C. Merriam, plank for Hooksett bridge,.....	197 72
Mr. Jordon, labor on Hooksett bridge,.....	15 16
J. C. Frarey, " " "	10 50
Sylvester Chandler, " " "	9 00
Martin L. Otterson, " " "	15 50
Joseph T. Goss, spikes for " "	44 25
J. W. & G. C. Prescott, hauling plank for Hooksett bridge,.....	36 70
Nath'l Mitchell, surveying plank, for Hooksett bridge,	2 50
James M. Garland, labor on highway,.....	79 50
James M. Garland, breaking out highway,.....	32 00
Dana Rowe, labor on highway,.....	33 00
	942 94

SUPPORT OF PAUPERS OFF THE FARM.

Horace Bonney, taking care Mary Lovering, County charge,.....	53 00

Joseph T. Goss, goods furnished J. Ordway.....	18 19
Horace Gage, medical attendance Mary Lovering,....	25 00
Joseph T. Goss, goods furnished "	2 85
Dr. Larabee, medical attendance Mrs. Palmer, County charge,.....	40 00
Moses L. Watson, funeral expenses, "	5 00
Martin L. Otterson, procuring coffin for Mrs. Palmer,	3 00
Dolly G. Colby, taking care Lucretia Bryant, County charge,.....	30 00
Head & Dutton, goods furnished to Kenniston family, paid by City of Concord,.....	36 00
Horace Gage, medical attendance Kennison family,..	27 50
Wm. L. Morse, coffin for Mrs. Kennison,.....	10 50
Martin L. Otterson, services rendered Kennison family,	10 50
Joseph T. Goss, pair shoes for Kennison family,.....	1 35
Thomas Wheat, medical attendance on John Ela,....	19 00
Joseph T. Goss, goods delivered John Ela,.....	6 69
Abraham Burnham, attending funerals of paupers, ...	5 00
Albert Martin, digging grave John Ela.....	1 50
Nathan Call, medical attendance on James Lakin,....	75 00
Moses L. Watson, expenses paid for Lakin family,...	36 55
Horace Gage, medical attendance on Lakin family,...	3 00
Ira Rowe, services burying John Ela,.....	3 00
	$412 63

PAYMENT OF INTEREST ON NOTES, AND NOTES PAID.

Amos G. Prescott, 1 year's interest on $300,.....	$18 00
N. H Savings Bank, 1 year's interest on $2,000,....	120 65
N. H. Savings Bank, 1 year's interest on $700,.....	42 00
Fanny Brown, 1 year's interest on $1,500,.....	90 00
Benj. A Noyes, W. P. Farmer, note and interest,....	1,152 44
Henry E. Robie, paid on note, $200.....	100 00
Eliza A. Buswell, 1 year's interest on $1,000,.....	60 00
Joseph T. Goss, note and interest,.....	936 20
Samuel Ordway, note and interest,.....	184 30
Sally Stevens, 1 year's interest on $1,000,.....	60 00
David Ordway, interest on $1,500,.....	78 60
Eliza A. Buswell, 1 year's interest on $350,.....	21 00
Mary A. Blanchard, 1 year's interest on $600,.....	36 00
J. H. Wilkins' estate, interest on $2,500,.....	152 10
Sophia W. Chandler, interest on $1,000,.....	61 20
Amos G. Prescott, 1 year's interest on $300,.....	18 00
William P. Farmer, note and interest,.....	2,015 00
Eliza A. Buswell, int. on $600 up to Aug. 8, 1866,..	36 00
	$5,181 49

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

Levi Davis, for board and clothing child from March, 1866, to March, 1867,	$52 00
L. Converse, for board and clothing child,	44 00
Elisha F. Quimby, State aid,	8 00
Ann Elliott, boarding Mrs. Jackson's child,	3 50
George A. Robie, services as town clerk,	25 00
E. E. Goodale, taking care of hearse house, 1865,	5 50
E. E. Goodale, damage to wagon in Hooksett bridge,	2 50
Joseph Fuller, damage caused by defect in highway,	40 00
P. F. Emerson, damage from defect in highway,	16 00
John B. Clarke, printing reports for 1865,	24 00
Jesse Gault, taxes and interest on lot No. 50, 9th range 4th div., from 1858 to 1864, the same having been illegally taxed, and sold for non-payment of the same,	60 82
Mrs. James Ordway, cleaning town house,	5 00
Walter B. Jones, setting glass in town house,	2 50
Hiram B. Otterson, services as collector of taxes, 1865,	137 23
Joseph T. Goss, services as town treasurer for 1865,	25 00
James M. Garland, watering place,	3 00
Mayhew Clark, " "	3 00
Natt Mitchell, " "	3 00
Eri Poor, stamps on bonds,	2 00
E. E. Goodale, taking care hearse & hearse house, 1866,	5 00
James M. Garland, watering place,	3 00
Ira Rowe, " "	3 00
Martin L. Otterson, posts for cemetery,	3 00
School District No. 7, for repairing school house,	50 00
	$526 05

Receipts of Treasurer.

Amount in treasury March 1, 1866,	$1,206 46
M. L. Otterson, tax list, 1864,	212 78
Hiram B. Otterson, tax list, 1866,	4,650 00
Hiram B. Otterson, tax list, 1867,	4,837 00
City of Concord, for support of Kennison family,	85 85
State Treasurer, national bounty, last instalment,	960 00
Merrimack County,	137 50
Savings Bank, tax for 1866,	259 48
Railroad tax for 1866,	582 16
State Treasurer, for State aid,	372 74
Literary fund,	36 75
Hooksett Manufacturing Co., highway tax for 1866,	375 55
George Davis, agent of poor farm,	107 77

Benjamin French,	2 22
Hiram B. McMurphy, lot No. 79 in cemetery,	4 00
Mrs. George Gordon, " 18 "	5 00
Joseph Lewis, " 47 "	3 00
Charles Bailey, " 70 "	3 00
Martin L. Otterson, collector 1864, taxes abated,	144 19
Joseph T. Goss' note,	885 25
	$14,877 80

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

Liabilities of the Town.

H. B. Otterson, collecting taxes 1866,	$145 16
Agent of poor farm, due on salary,	275 00
Amos G. Prescott, note, interest paid,	300 00
N. H. Savings Bank, note, "	2,000 00
N. H. Savings Bank, note, "	700 00
Fanny Brown, note, "	1,500 00
Henry E. Robie, note and interest,	124 00
Eliza A. Buswell, note, interest paid,	1,000 00
Eliza A. Buswell, note, interest paid,	350 00
Sally Stevens, note, interest paid,	1,000 00
David Ordway, note, interest paid,	200 00
Mary A. Blanchard, note, interest paid,	600 00
Sophia Chandler, note, interest paid,	1,000 00
Sophia Chandler, note, interest paid,	1,000 00
Eliza A. Buswell, J. T. Goss note, interest paid,	600 00
Mary E. Kimball, note, interest not paid,	2,120 00
J. H. Wilkins, note, interest paid,	1,500 00
Joseph Wilkins, note, interest not paid,	1,590 00
Sidney D. McAfee, note, interest not paid,	337 00
George M. L. Lane, note, interest not paid,	424 00
Nathaniel Otterson, note, interest not paid,	318 00
Margaret Otterson, note, interest not paid,	562 00
Emeline Messer, note, interest not paid,	106 00
Adaline Sampson, note, interest not paid,	212 00
Milton McCoy, note, interest not paid,	530 00
Dolly G. Colby, note, interest not paid,	1,590 00
Samuel Hall, note, interest not paid,	600 00

Amos K. Davis, note, interest not paid,		700 00
Wendell Sampson, note, interest not paid,		1,060 00
Selectmen's bills for 1866,		312 00
School Dist. No. 2 for 1866, school money not drawn,		184 42
		22,939 58
Error in 1866 report,		899 90
		$23,839 48

AMOUNT DUE THE TOWN.

Josiah Clark, collector for 1863,	$113 01	
Hiram B. Otterson, collector for 1865,	175 39	
Hiram B. Otterson, collector for 1866,	730 54	
For support Davis child,	104 00	
Amount in Treasury,	1,640 30	
	2,763 24	
Error in 1866 report,	899 90	
		3,663 14
Balance against the town,		$20,176 34

EXPENDITURES OF THE POOR HOUSE.

Head & Dutton's store bill,	$23 03
Joseph T. Goss, store bill,	99 55
Page & Head, store bill,	32 92
Martin L. Otterson, coffin and robe for pauper,	10 50
William L. Morse, coffin,	6 50
George A. Robie, blacksmith work,	9 00
3 pecks herds grass seed,	4 50
14 lbs. clover seed,	1 90
½ bush. red-top seed,	50
car fare to Manchester,	90
1 water pail,	30
2 combs,	30
1 spool thread,	10
1 cake shaving soap,	10
1 box mustard,	25
10 bush. seed potatoes,	8 00
8 bush. seed potatoes,	6 40
1 yard blue drilling,	50
2½ bush. potatoes,	1 50
1 pair steelyards,	34
mending coffee pot,	15
1 wheel-head,	50
1 coat for Dolloff,	6 50

1 pair feeting, Dolloff,	50
1 pint alcohol,	80
9 lbs. fresh fish,	45
16 lbs. veal,	2 20
1 bar soap,	30
Camphor gum,	25
10 lbs fresh fish,	60
4 bush potatoes,	4 00
3 tin pans,	1 50
N. H. Otterson, horse to cultivate corn,	75
Nathaniel Head, 2 pigs,	10 00
1 yard cloth,	30
T. N. Head, use bull,	50
1 apple parer,	1 00
8 bush. Rye,	8 00
1 pair oxen,	200 00
use of cider mill,	45
John Young, use of plough,	50
filing saw twice,	20
N. H. Otterson, butchering,	75
W. B. Jones, repairing clock,	1 00
1 ax,	1 00
15 lbs. potash,	2 25
candle wicking,	25
Dr. Gage, medicine,	1 75
1 pint rum,	45
1 coffin and robe, James Otterson,	10 50
J. H. Mitchell, shoe work for paupers,	5 95
J. T. Goss, goods, paid in produce from farm,	6 52
Page & Head, goods, paid in produce from farm,	11 70
Head & Dutton, goods, paid in produce from farm,	18 97
	$710 99

RECEIPTS OF THE TOWN FARM.

1 quart milk,	$00 08
2 quarts soap,	10
11 pigs,	46 00
1 rooster to T. Rowell,	1 25
Digging Levi Colby's grave,	1 00
D. C. Elliott, labor,	3 00
John Young, labor,	2 00
Geo. Noyes, use of boar,	50
Jacob Noyes, 2 calves,	21 00
Old iron,	15
1 dinner,	25
1 gal. soap and old rags,	28

1 pair oxen,	250 00	
1 qt. milk,	08	
Jacob Wilson, labor,	1 75	
William H. Boutelle, labor,	50	
James Prescott's effects,	90	
John Young, labor,	1 33	
Lodging,	25	
Natt Mitchell, 114 lbs. beef,	11 40	
G. C. Prescott, labor,	3 00	
John W. Prescott,	1 50	
Horace Gage, labor,	1 50	
William F. Head, labor,	16 00	
James Hunt, labor,	3 00	
Eben Dutton, labor and straw,	1 00	
1 hide,	6 12	
Moses L. Watson, 1 shoat,	17 64	
Received of County, transient persons,	16 25	
Joseph T. Goss, butter, cheese and eggs,	6 52	
Page & Head, 25½ lbs. butter,	11 70	
Head & Dutton, 25¼ lbs. butter,	10 48	
Head & Dutton, 9 doz. eggs,	2 70	
Head & Dutton, squashes,	5 79	
		$445 02

INVOICE OF PROPERTY AT TOWN FARM.

5 tons hay,	$130 00
1 ton straw and corn fodder,	15 00
14 bushel beans,	52 50
2 " rye,	2 70
17 " oats,	12 75
½ " peas,	1 00
10 " corn,	15 00
225 " potatoes,	135 00
2 " vegetables,	1 50
1 pair oxen,	235 00
2 cows,	115 00
30 hens and chickens,	30 00
2 shoats,	40 00
½ bbl. beef,	15 00
1½ bbls. pork,	45 00
2 cider casks,	2 00
2 bbls. soap,	10 00
1 bbl. salted cucumbers,	5 00
5 empty pork bbls.,	3 75
80 lbs. cheese,	13 60
33 " butter,	13 20
150 " ham and smoked meat,	30 00

65 lbs. fresh beef,	8 45
10 " tallow,	1 20
80 " lard,	12 80
25 " dried pumpkin,	2 50
10 " pie meat,	2 00
Corn meal,	2 25
25 lbs. flour,	2 00
116½ lbs. dried apple,	13 98
10 gals. vinegar and cask,	5 00
18½ doz. candles,	5 76
Beds and bedding,	125 00
Household furniture,	95 00
Crockery ware,	20 00
26 empty flour bbls.,	4 33
Tin ware,	12 00
Groceries,	3 00
1 bbl. apples,	4 00
4 gals. preserved pickles,	2 40
2 gals. cider apple sauce,	1 20
Farming tools,	130 00
½ M lumber,	10 00
	$1,385 87

EXPENDITURES FOR SUPPORT OF PAUPERS AT TOWN FARM.

Agent's salary one year,	$275 00	
Interest on cost of farm,	150 00	
Invoice of stock and produce, 1865,	1,386 48	
		1,811 48
Deduct invoice of stock and produce on hand,	1,385 87	
Amount paid Treasury,	107 77	
		1,493 64
Making expenses poor farm,		$317 84

INDIVIDUALS SUPPORTED AT THE FARM.

James Otterson,	52 weeks.	Sally Davis,	52 weeks.
Mehitable Otterson,	52 "	Susan Abbott,	52 "
N. Dolloff,	52 "	James Prescott,	43 "
Transient,	11 "	Total,	314 "

ERI POOR,
MARTIN L. OTTERSON,
DAVID A. KIMBALL,
Selectmen of Hooksett.

We have examined the accounts of George H. L. Head, Town Treasurer, and also the Selectmen's accounts of receipts and expenditures during the past year, and find the same duly vouched and correctly stated.

O. T. MARSHALL, } *Auditors.*
HORACE GAGE, }

Hooksett March, 1867.

Town of Hooksett, to Eri Poor. *Dr.*

1866.				
Mar.	21,	1 day	to approve col'r and treasurer's bonds,..	$3 00
"	24,	½ "	hiring agent poor farm, ...	1 50
"	29,	1 "	to Concord to procure books, ...	3 50
"	31,	½ "	copying names,.....	1 00
Apr.	4,	3 "	taking invoice, ...	9 00
"	7,	2 "	taking invoice, ...	6 00
"	12,	2 "	looking up expense of procuring soldiers, and paupers' expenses, ...	6 00
"	13,	1 "	to Concord with soldiers' account, ...	3 50
"	14,	1 "	regulating invoice, ...	2 00
"	21,	2 "	regulating invoice, ...	4 00
"	27,	3 "	making taxes,.....	6 00
"	30,	2 "	making taxes and warrants, ...	4 00
May	22,	1 "	on account of aid for soldiers,.....	3 00
"	29,	1 "	preparing return for aid,.....	3 00
"	30,	1 "	to Concord on account of aid,.....	3 50
June	4,	1 "	to S. O. Gould's, ...".....".....	3 00
"	6,	1 "	to Concord,.....".....".....	3 50
"	11,	1 "	to John Ela's, ...	3 00
"	18,	2½ "	dividing school money, ...	5 00
"	28,	½ "	to Bow, for plank for bridge, ...	1 50
July	5,	½ "	to Merriam's Mill, ...	1 50
Aug.		½ "	posting warrant for town meeting, ...	1 50
"	20,	1 "	on Wilson road, ...	3 00
"	29,	½ "	to Bow, on account of plank, ...	1 50
"	31,	1 "	on Wilson road,.....	3 00
Sep.	1,	1 "	drawing jurors, and other business,....	3 00
"	5,	1 "	to take Palmer's deposition, ...	3 00
"	8,	½ "	settling accounts with Mr. Fuller, ...	1 50
"	18,	½ "	making order on road petition, ...	1 50
"	29,	½ "	on town business,.....	1 50
Oct.	6,	½ "	at road hearing, ...	1 50
"	18,	1 "	to Concord with pauper accounts,.....	3 50
Nov.	9,	½ "	to Mr. Merriam's Mill, ...	1 50
"	10,	1 "	on Londonderry turnpike, ...	3 00
"	14,	½ "	on town business,.....	1 50

Dec.	6, 1	day	to Concord on town business,	3 50
"	26, 1	"	to Concord on town business,	3 50
"	29, ½	"	regulating jury box,	1 50
"	31, 1	"	to Concord on town business,	3 50
1867.				
Jan.	4, 1	"	to village on town business,	3 00
"	13, 1	"	on town business,	3 00
"	17, ½	"	to Manchester, on town business,	1 50
"	19, ½	"	on account of Parker & Johnson's bill,	1 50
Feb.	2, ½	"	to village, on town business,	1 50
"	4, ½	"	preparing pauper accounts,	1 00
"	7, 1	"	to Concord, with pauper accounts,	3 50
"	9, ½	"	to village, on town business,	1 50
"	14, ½	"	with selectmen,	1 00
"	15, 1	"	making check list,	2 00
"	19, 1	"	at poor farm,	3 00
"	23, 2	"	settling accounts,	6 00
Mar.	5, 3	"	to the village, on town business,	8 50
				$156 00

Town of Hooksett, to Martin L. Otterson. *Dr.*

1866.				
Mar.	1, ½	day	regulating check list,	$1 00
"	½	"	at Suncook, on pauper case,	1 00
"	½	"	care for James Laking family,	1 50
"	1	"	at funeral of James Laking,	3 00
"	½	"	with auditors, rectifying mistake,	1 00
"	½	"	town business,	1 00
Apr.	5	"	taking invoice and expenses,	12 50
"	1	"	m'g return of S. aid to soldiers' families,	2 00
"	11, 1	"	making invoice, and expenses,	3 00
"	13, 1	"	at Concord with commissioners, expenses,	3 50
"	14, 1	"	regulating invoice,	2 50
"	21, 1	"	making taxes, and expenses,	3 00
"	24, ½	"	town business,	1 50
"			blank paper making taxes, other expenses,	3 50
"	3	"	making taxes,	6 00
"	30,		making surveyors' warrants,	2 50
May	2, 1	"	distributing surveyors' warrants,	2 50
"	1	"	making report of soldiers furnished by the town and money paid out,	3 00
"	12, 1	"	to get coffin and robe, John Ela, & exp.,	3 50
"	15, 1	"	dividing school money,	2 00
June	3	"	copying invoice,	6 00
July	3, 1	"	building sc'l. house, Dist. No. 2, expenses,	3 00
"	28,		writing and posting warrant,	2 00
Aug.	14, 1	"	on town business,	2 00

Aug. 20,	1 day	viewing road, and expenses,	2 00
Sep. 1,	½ "	on town business,	1 00
Oct. 6,	½ "	road petitioned for by H. Bonney & others,	1 00
" 9,	½ "	at Concord and expenses,	2 00
Nov. 10,	1 "	on town business,	2 00
" 12,	½ "	surveying bridge plank,	1 00
" 13,	½ "	surveying bridge plank,	1 00
" 23,	½ "	to Suncook to get coffin for pauper,	2 00
Dec. 3,	1 "	South end of town on pig pen case,	3 00
" 6,	1 "	to Concord and expenses,	3 00
" 26,	1 "	do., to get counsel on Langley case,	3 00
" 29,	½ "	regulating juror box and drawing jurors,	1 00
1867.			
Jan. 4,	½ "	on town business,	1 00
" 12,	½ "	to Bow, to pay Farmer note,	1 50
" 19,	½ "	drawing juror,	1 00
Feb. 1,	1 "	on pauper business,	3 00
" 7,	1 "	to Concord, to settle Co. pauper bills,	3 50
" 13,	1 "	on town business,	2 00
" 14,	1 "	making check list,	3 00
" 19,	1 "	taking account of stock at poor farm,	2 00
" 22,	1 "	settling accounts,	2 00
" 23,	1 "	settling accounts,	2 00
			$115 50

Town of Hooksett to D. A. Kimball, *Dr.*

1866.			
Mar. ½	day	regulating check list,	$1 50
" ½	"	to Hooksett on town business,	1 50
" ½	"	to hire agent for town farm,	1 50
Apr. 5	"	taking invoice, and expense,	15 00
" ½	"	on town business,	1 50
" 2½	"	regulating invoice,	5 00
" ½	"	to Eri Poor's, on town business,	1 50
" ½	"	to Hooksett, on town business,	1 50
Aug. ½	"	to Hooksett, on town busiuess,	1 50
" ½	"	to Hooksett, on town business,	1 50
Dec. ½	"	to regulate juror box,	1 00
Feb. 1	"	to take invoice at town farm,	2 00
" 2	"	to settle accounts and post warrants,	6 00
			$40 50

SCHOOL REPORT.

General Remarks. The state of the schools has been, on the whole, very good during the past year so far as the privilege of having a school has been enjoyed. The several districts have been remarkably fortunate in their selection of teachers. It is not often that so many good teachers are employed in a town of nine districts in one year. There have been, in all, fourteen different teachers, all of them worthy to be well recommended, some of them possessing the highest qualifications for their work. The conduct of the scholars has generally been very commendable. No serious disturbance has occurred in any school, and there has been a good degree of harmony between teachers, parents and pupils. Still there are some evils to be noticed which may very soon be remedied wholly or in part by timely attention and prompt action. One of the most obvious of these evils is the small amount of schooling. The evil is sufficiently evident to all; the only question we need to consider is, how shall it be remedied? It may be replied: *First*, the Town ought to raise more money for this purpose. It can afford to. The money would be well invested and would yield good interest. *Secondly*, the districts would do well to lengthen their terms by subscription or tuition. Some have done this, and others might do it to advantage. Five dollars spent in this way may often secure such advantages as it would cost thirty-five or forty dollars to obtain by sending scholars away from home to school. *Thirdly*, some of the districts should be united. Nos. 6 and 8 had better be united, or, if this cannot be agreed upon, they had better arrange their schools so that the scholars of both Districts, as far as possible, may attend the schools of both Districts. There should also be a union on the part of Nos. 4, 7 and 9. A new school house is a necessity to No. 4, and would be a great convenience to Nos. 7 and 9, and the buildings now used could be sold for nearly, or quite, enough to pay their share of the expense incurred in building a new house. Should this be done the school could then be divided into two departments and two teachers could perform all the work of instructing to better advantage than three can under the present arrangement. The school could then be kept during three long terms every year instead of two short ones. There would also be better classes and better facilities for teaching. This arrangement might well be regarded as a matter of economy, for, in the course of a few years the money saved by educating children at home, instead of sending them abroad, would more than meet the whole expense.

In order to remove some of the evils which now exist it is also necessary, *Fourthly*, that parents should seek to have their children avail themselves of all the advantages they enjoy. They should co-operate heartily with teachers. They should give the teacher their confidence from the first, not waiting to see whether he is likely to be successful, but taking it for granted that this will be the case until they find that it must be otherwise. Were every teacher thus sustained by the parents, many cases of trouble in school would be avoided. If in any instance, your children are disposed to be disobedient you should apply the remedy yourself and not leave the work wholly to the teacher. The following suggestions may be of some use in such cases. *First*, keep your children out of bad company. *Secondly*, furnish them with a plenty of good employment. *Thirdly*, give them judicious advice. *Fourthly*, for further directions see Proverbs 23 : 13 and 14. With these general remarks we pass on to notice the condition of the schools in the several districts.

District No. 1. Teachers—first term, Miss Ruth H. Mitchell, second term, Miss M. C. Gault. Whole No. of scholars—first term, 23, second term 20; average attendance—first term 21, second term, 15; length of schools—first term 10 weeks, second term 10 weeks.

Both teachers have had some experience in their work previous to their labors in this school the past season. Both are good scholars in the primary and the higher branches, and are well qualified to teach. They kept good order and instructed with much patience and skill. At the close of the first term there were good exercises, particularly in speaking and mental arithmetic. At the close of the second term the school showed marked evidence of having received thorough instruction.

District No. 2. This school has been interrupted, as is supposed, by the work of an incendiary, who thought he could best enlighten the District by setting fire to the school house. A new building has been erected such as it is an honor to any district to build.

The first term continued about one week under the charge of Miss Sweat, who seemed likely to keep an excellent school. The school is now under the care of Miss Mary A. Parker who shows herself to be well adapted to her work. Whole No. of scholars 51; average attendance 40; length of school 14 weeks.

District No. 3. Teacher, Miss Mary A. Neal. Whole No. of scholars—first term 33, second term 30; averge attendance—first term 26, second term 25; length of school—first term 8 weeks, second term 8 weeks.

This school appeared well when visited. By means of some misunderstanding the Committee was not notified of the examination until it was too late for him to be present. A report carefully made out by the teacher has been received from which it appears that a greater degree of interest in the school, on the part of the parents, is very desirable.

District No. 4. Teachers—Miss Mary Doe, Miss Ruth H. Mitchell. Whole No. of scholars—first term 28, second term 28; average

attendance—first term 23, second term 18; length of school—first term 12 weeks, second term 6 weeks.

Miss Doe, the teacher of the summer school, has had much experience in her work, but has not become weary of it. She manifested a remarkable combination of firmness and gentleness, and consequently she was very successful in securing good order. The school was very backward at the commencement of the term, but made as good progress as could have been expected. The second term was a private school of a few weeks which was closed without an examination, but from the good reputation of the teacher, we should judge that the school must have been profitable.

District No. 5. Teachers—first term, Miss Henrietta Dennison, second term, Miss Marianne Waite. Whole No. of scholars —first term 8, second term 21; average attendance—first term 7 23-44, second term 18; length of school—first term (private school) 8 weeks, second term 11½ weeks.

This school was very quiet and orderly during both terms, and, as might be expected, good progress was made in the branches taught. The teacher of the first term, Miss Dennison, though a beginner, gave evidence of being well qualified for her duties. She has a natural tact for governing and imparting knowledge. Miss Waite had the advantage of former experience in teaching this school and several others. She has shown herself well worthy of the confidence which led the District to employ her a second time. The scholars in this school deserve credit especially for speaking pieces. During the first term there was only one case of tardiness and *not one dismissal.*

District No. 6. Teachers, first term, Miss Annie H. Cate, second term, Mr. Edward F. James. Whole No. of scholars—first term 12, second term 19; average attendance—first term 8, second term 18; length of school—first term 10 weeks, second term 8 weeks.

Miss Cate discharged her duties in a faithful and acceptable manner. The school, though small, appeared well at the examination. In the winter, the teacher labored at first under some disadvantages. He had but little acquaintance with the business of teaching, and it required some time for him to learn how to manage a common district school; but he manifested a sincere desire to do his whole duty, was very ready to receive suggestions and act upon them, and he gradually overcame the obstacles which embarrassed him at first, so that the school appeared, at the examination, to very good advantage.

District No. 7. Teachers—first term, Miss Georgie F. Austin, second term, Miss Mary Doe. Whole number of scholars—first term—43; average attendance—first term, 30; length of school—first term, 12 weeks.

Miss Austin was well qualified for her work, and was very laborious and persevering in performing it. The second term was brought to a close prematurely by the sickness of the teacher. The conduct of the scholars was generally good. The case of a few boys must be excepted. They caused not a little trouble to both

teachers. It is to be hoped that they will manifest a great change for the better, whenever they may attend school again.

District No. 8. Teacher—Miss Bell A. Austin. Whole number of scholars—first term—17; second term—15; average attendance—first term—16; second term—13; length of school, first term—5 weeks; second term—4 weeks.

Miss Austin, though young, exhibited, in a good degree, those qualities which are characteristic of the best teachers. At the close of the first term the scholars appeared remarkably well, considering their very short term of schooling. One of the most successful exercises was that in mental arithmetic, in which many numbers were added with great rapidity. The second term closed suddenly, on account of a failure of funds, without an examination.

District No. 9. Teachers—first term, Miss Annie E. Mellen, second term, Miss Julia A. Doe. Whole number of scholars—first term, 22; second term, 20; average attendance, first term, 18; second term, 18; length of school,—first term, 7 weeks; second term 8 weeks.

Miss Mellen has had but little experience in teaching, yet she appeared well in the school room. Miss Doe is quiet and efficient in her mode of government and faithful in teaching. The school, on the whole, appears to be quite as advanced as could be reasonably expected in view of the short terms.

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